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Feb. 2016 301-773-8360

### FYI

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION by Mayor Mike Callahan

Call 301-789-8009 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.

**Snow Day, Maybe?:** As I write this on January 19<sup>th</sup> the weather prognosticators are hinting at a storm that my drop over a foot of snow on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I certainly hope that the storm is not that severe, but I guess it's time to review Cheverly's Snow Emergency rules, which can be found inside this newsletter.

Please remember to shovel your sidewalks and park your car on the correct side of the road to allow plows access.

Cheverly Day Parade: Did he say Parade? A Parade! Yes! Every five years we have a Parade as part of Cheverly Day! So mark your calendars, on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am we will be closing Cheverly Avenue and marching down the street.

However, it takes a community to make a parade so we need you. We need every organization, block, and enterprising citizen to participate. Make a float, create a theme, or help us identify outside groups to participate. In past years we've had bands, birthday cake floats, theatre groups, Marching Mulchers, St Ambrose Bees, Bonco Babes, 59<sup>th</sup> Place floats and so much more.

If you want to participate or have an idea regarding someone we should ask, please contact Mike Callahan (<a href="mailto:mhcallahan@gmail.com">mhcallahan@gmail.com</a>) or Glen Barton (<a href="mailto:glenmbarton@gmail.com">glenmbarton@gmail.com</a>).



submission.

### President's Day

Monday, February 15 Offices Closed No Trash Pickup

Good Financial News, In Case You Missed It: The Town Council will review the FY15 Audit in their January 28<sup>th</sup> work session. As discussed in the past, Cheverly by state law and good financial practice undergoes a complete financial audit every year. In effect it closes the books on the previous fiscal year and begins the planning of our next fiscal year. The news for FY15 (year ending June 2015) is excellent, the Town of Cheverly finished the year with a fund balance of 1.675 million. In effect we ran a virtually balanced budget for FY15! Our Fund Balance for FY14 was 1.953 million, so the decrease in the fund balance is \$300,000 which is exactly what we spent on the purchase of 6301 Kilmer. This positive news will flow into the FY16 and FY17 budgets. The Town Council had conservatively planned for a small budget deficit in FY16 (our current year) but it is likely we will now run a surplus, which will help our planning for FY17. The Town Administrator will submit his draft of the FY17 Budget at the April 14<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting, and the Town Council will work on it during April and May. Please stay tuned. I plan to provide more detail regarding budget issues and opportunities in the March newsletter so that you can be attuned to the

**Election for Mayor in 2016:** Just a reminder to all that might be interested, 2016 is an election year for Mayor in Cheverly. Municipal elections occur on the first Monday in May.

Town Council terms are 2 year terms and Council elections occur in odd years. The Mayor's term is 3 years. If you are interested call the Town Offices at (301) 773-8360.

What is a Bait Car? During the month of December Chief Robshaw posted on the electronic message board: "Be Alert, Cheverly Police use Bait Cars". You've probably heard about Bait Cars in regard to auto theft; however Cheverly PD is primarily using them to identify folks who commit theft from autos. As you all know theft from autos is the most common crime here in Cheverly. The Town Council has been looking for solutions for 18 months. Chief Robshaw have identified a camera that will capture a photo of a thief in action, if they attempt to steal objects from a Bait Car.

Over the years, Cheverly PD has caught a number of individuals who commit this crime. Unfortunately, it seems like there is always someone else. We hope that by using a Bait Car and announcing the program we can deter some thieves, however, if we can't deter them we hope to catch them sooner.

Please remember; if you see something suspicious call the Cheverly Police. During the work day please call 301-341-1055 or when it is off hours call 301-789-5090.

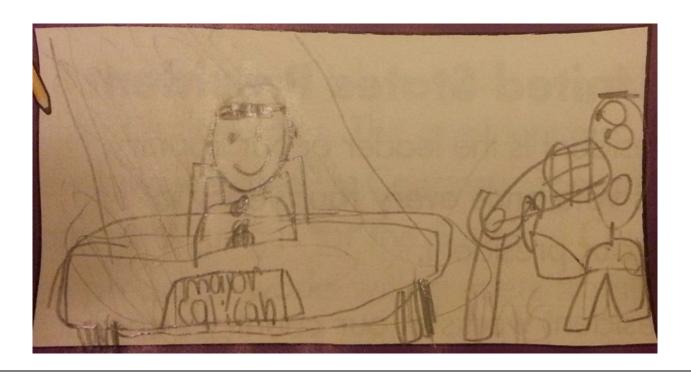
**Cheverly Sector Plan:** Hopefully you all attended the Cheverly Sector Plan meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. For those who were unable to attend please check out the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) web site for update information.

We will attempt to have MNCPPC staff attend the February Town Meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> to provide an overview of the meeting, so that it can be watched on the Town Website.

If you'd like to learn more there is a great presentation at:

http://www.pgplanning.org/Projects/Ongoing\_Plans\_and\_Projects/Community\_Plans\_and\_Studies/GCSP.htm

My Favorite Cheverly Political Cartoon: Recently I received the following cartoon from Jonah Watson, who is clearly a talented young artist. Wouldn't it be great to know what is being said? So let's have a contest: submit your entry to mayor@cheverly-md.gov. The winning entry (as judged by a panel of experts (Micah Watson and I) will get a family ticket to the Spaghetti Dinner. Runner-ups will get a box of spaghetti. Deadline: February 15<sup>th</sup>.





### Message from the Chief Buddy Robshaw (policechief@cheverly-md.gov)

**CRIME OF THE YEAR:** You may have noticed if you read the Newsletter regularly that the type of crime most frequently reported in the crime report is theft. The crime of theft always accounts for more

than 50% of the reported monthly crime in the Town, sometimes running as high as 90%. In addition to these percentages, there are a number of other common factors that are attributable to theft in the Town:

- 1. The crime of theft is almost always committed under the cover of darkness.
- 2. Theft from auto is the #1 form of theft.
- 3. Most vandalism to autos is usually the result of an attempted theft and is what

generally drives up the cost associated with this crime.

- 4. As much as half of the number of actual thefts goes unreported.
- 5. In more than half of the thefts from auto, no force was used to enter the vehicle.
- 6. In more than half of the attempted thefts from auto, nothing of value was removed.
- 7. Most importantly, 3 out of every 4 thefts from auto could be avoided if simple

deterrence measures were employed by vehicle owners.

#### Simple Deterrence Measures to Prevent Theft From Auto

- 1. Park in a lighted location whenever possible, preferably a driveway.
- 2. Lock all vehicle doors. Most thieves walk through the Town looking for unlocked

vehicles to plunder; thieves generally use forceful entry as a last resort.

3. Hide or remove all items of value when a vehicle is left unattended. As noted just

above, forced entry is promoted when the thief sees something of value from outside of

the vehicle.

#### What Can You Do?

- 1. Follow the deterrence measures outlined above.
- 2. Keep bicycles inside the house or stored in the backyard.
- 3. Keep all outside sheds or similar structures locked.
- 4. Call the nighttime cellular police telephone (301-789-5090) if you see someone

suspicious walking through your neighborhood, especially at night.

PEDESTRIAN RIGHT OF WAY – A question that I am frequently asked about, concerns right of way privileges between pedestrians and vehicular traffic at a crosswalk. While it would seem easy to conclude that a pedestrian should receive right of way honors in most situations, Maryland law really puts obligations on both the pedestrian and vehicle operators at crosswalk encounters. According to Maryland Transportation Article, 21-502 (a) (2), The driver of a vehicle shall come to a stop when a pedestrian crossing the roadway in a crosswalk is: on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling, or approaching from an adjacent lane on the other half of the roadway.

In addition, 21-502 (b) states: A pedestrian may not suddenly leave the curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield. Both sections of this law together put an obligation on both the pedestrian and the vehicle operator to act in unison to ensure the pedestrian's safe passage. It should also be noted that certain crosswalks with pedestrian warning signals, such as those on Cheverly Ave at Forest Road and at Kilmer Street, do not reduce the obligation of a pedestrian to yield to an approaching vehicle just because such a warning signal was activated.

#### TELEPHONE NUMBERS -

Police Emergency	9-1-1
<b>Police Nonemergency Calls for Dispatch</b>	(301) 352-1200
Cheverly Police – Main Line	(301) 341-1055
Cheverly Police (Night/Weekend Only)	(301) 789-5090
Cheverly Police Facsimile	(301) 341-0176
Cheverly Photo Enforcement	(240) 770-7641
Alley Cat Towing (Towing Vendor)	(301) 864-0323
Cheverly Investigators	(301) 789-8551
	(301) 852-0537

Crime Report for December 2015						
	*Note that all addresses are in Hundred Blocks					
12/01/15	1349	hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Assault		
12/04/15	0904	hrs	6100 State St	B&E		
12/08/15	1058	hrs	2300 Belleview	Theft		
12/09/15	2234	hrs	6100 Arbor	Theft		
12/10/15			6600 Oak St	Vandalism		
			6000 Arbor	Theft		
12/12/15	1602	hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Sex Offense		
12/13/15	0741	hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft from Auto		
12/13/15	1128	hrs	2200 Cheverly Ave	Theft from Auto		
12/14/15	0901	hrs	5800 Dewey St	Theft from Auto		
12/14/15			6100 Cheverly Cir	Theft from Auto		
12/14/15	1530	hrs	6100 Cheverly Cir	Theft from Auto		
12/15/15		hrs	1800 61st Ave	Assault		
12/17/15			6300 Landover Rd	B&E		
12/18/15			6500 Landover Rd	Theft		
12/18/15	1743	hrs	2200 Cheverly Ave	B&E		
12/19/15		Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Robbery		
12/20/15	1554	hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Assault		
12/20/15			6500 Landover Rd	Theft		
12/22/15			6500 Landover Rd	Theft		
12/24/15			6400 Landover Rd	Theft		
12/26/15	2319		6000 Landover Rd	Assault		
12/28/15			5700 Lockwood Rd	Theft		
12/29/15	1712	hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft		
12/30/15			6400 Forest Rd	Theft		
12/31/15	1006		6300 Landover Rd	Vandalism		
12/31/15	1700	hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Auto Theft		

### WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

TOWN CODE - Sec. 27-10—Parking

A snow emergency shall exist whenever snow has accumulated on the streets to a depth of one (1) inch or more. The provisions of this subsection shall be effective without any notification and shall remain in effect until the street is plowed; provided, however, that when snow shall accumulate to a depth of one inch or more after 11:00PM, the provisions of this subsection shall not be effective until 7:00AM the day following and shall remain in effect until the street is plowed.

# PARKING RESTRICTIONS: During a snow emergency no person shall park any vehicle as follows:

- On the cul-de-sac portion of any street,
- On any courts,
- On the even-numbered side of all streets,
- **(exception)** On the odd-numbered side of 59th Avenue, and one block of Inwood Street between Cheverly Avenue & Belleview Avenue.

<u>NOTE</u>: The snow emergency parking restrictions do not override existing no-parking zones or apply to streets where enforcement would disallow all parking because of a no-parking zone, or to streets with any barrier or strip dividing lanes of traffic.

**PRIORITIES:** The snow removal operations work under the following priorities: 1.) Cheverly Avenue 2.) principal connecting streets: Forest Road, Crest Avenue, Valleyway, Greenleaf Road, 62nd Avenue, State Street, Schuster Drive; 3.) all other streets.

#### TOWN CODE Sec. 18-4.1—SIDEWALKS

Whenever snow accumulates to a depth of one inch or more, it is the duty of each occupant to clear the snow from the sidewalk adjacent to that property, within 12 hours after the snow ceases, (unless at night, in which case it shall be removed within 12 hours after sunrise). Snow and ice removed from sidewalks shall NOT be deposited on streets or other sidewalks.

When ice forms on sidewalks, occupant shall place sand, ashes or other such material on sidewalks within 6 hours, (unless at night, in which case it can be spread by noon of the next day). Icy spots on public property can be reported to Public Works at 301-773-2666.

### **REMEMBER - FEBRUARY IS**

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

The Cheverly Recreation Council will sponsor the John "Dent" Wilson Scholarship. This is a \$500 college scholarships to be awarded to a Cheverly resident who is enrolled full time in a academic or vocational post secondary education program for the 2015-2016 academic year. For applications call Judy DeLeonibus at 301-386-4251.

When filling out your MARYLAND TAX RETURN, Please remember to fill in the COUNTY AND CITY boxes just under your address label. It is important that you print in <u>CHEVERLY</u> as your city, so that the town gets its correct share of Maryland Income Taxes.

**Recreation Council** - The next meeting will the Tuesday, February 23rd at 7PM in the Conference Room at the Community Center. Topic's will be the Saturday, March 26 Easter Egg Hunt and the Spring Flea Market on Saturday April 9th

Reservations for the Flea Market start Tuesday, March 1. Tables are \$15. Call Barbara 301-773-5883.

### RECYCLING TOTALS December 2015

Curb Recycling — 57.12 tons Electronic Recycling — 6 pallets Appliances — 11



**Need help with YARD WORK?** To assist our elderly, and other residents who need help with yard work, Cheverly maintains this list of teenagers who are interested in being hired for mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc. Cheverly teenagers can call the town office 301-773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list

Andrew Priest 301-772-6028 Malik & Tyreq McAdoo 301-832-1576 Delonta Beard 240-601-4271

### TOWN MEETINGS & WORKSESSIONS

### **ACTIONS TAKEN**

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

### Town Meeting - January 14, 2016

- ☐ Presentation of House Decorating Certificates
- ☐ CM Rodgers to adopt R-2-16 Judges. CM Eldridge seconded. Approved 5-0
- ☐ CM Eldridge to adopt R-1-16 Supervisors. CM Rodgers seconded. Approved 5-0
- ☐ CM Coolen to adopt R-3-16 Clerks. CM Stewart seconded. Approved 5-0
- ☐ CM Rodgers to make a budget adjustment the Police Specialized Service account in the amount of \$4,300 for repairs to the LPR. CM Coolen seconded. Approved 5-0.

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

**Town Meeting - February 11, 2016** 

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## TRASH PICKUP ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO WINTER STORMS:

When weather makes it unsafe to operate the trash trucks on the streets, collection may be temporarily suspended.

NOTE: Back/side door and alley pickups WILL NOT be made when snow conditions prevail.

Please bring you trash to the curb.

### **SAFETY REMINDER:**

We ask residents to remember that your neighbors who walk to Metro, or children walking to school, and the hard working Mail Carriers are exposed to

dangerous conditions when sidewalks are not cleared in a timely manner. Failure to comply with Town Code could result in fines.

### TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON Town Wide YARD WASTE—PAPER BAGS or Trash Cans ONLY

MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only
TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only
WED Town wide RECYCLING (no plastic bags)
THU East side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)
FRI West side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)

Residents should place trash at the curb after 7:00PM the day before your pickup. Trash must be placed in cans with tight fitting lids to ward off rodents. Cans must be removed by 7PM the day of your trash pickup.

**BAMBOO** is picked up with Thursday/Friday Special Trash. Tied up and bundled not longer than 4' **ELECTRONICS** are picked up on Wednesday with recycling. TV's any size, computers (remove hard drive), monitors, keyboards, etc. Place these items next to your recycle bucket. **APPLIANCES-**Washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators/freezers (remove doors) microwaves (any size), A/C units (any size) - \$20 for removal, contact Public Works at 301-773-2666

<u>HOLIDAYS</u>? Public Works crews DO NOT work on holidays. Collections on holidays are **CANCELLED** 



## SOLID ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE

**Sec. 4-10** (a) It shall be unlawful for a person controlling an animal,

except a seeing eye dog, to allow or permit solid waste of such animal to remain on the property of any other person without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof; or on such public properties as are prohibited by order of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly. Prohibited areas are sidewalks, Gast Park, Legion Park, Boyd Park, Lawrence Woodworth Park & play areas of all other parks.



### 2015 HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

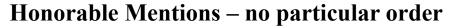
**1st Place** 3008 Parkway

**2nd Place** 2704 Cheverly Ave.

**3rd Place** 3114 Belleview Ave.

4th Place 2716 Crest Ave.

**5th Place** 3306 Belleview Ave.





2704 Cheverly Ave.3205 Tremont Ave.5703 Greenleaf Rd.6013 Inwood St.3608 Legion Drive6423 Landover Rd.



### Community Bulletin Board

**Progressive Cheverly** will host a discussion on expansion proposals for the local Wal-Mart at the regular PC February forum and meeting.

Time: Thursday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. Place: Judith Hoyer Early Education Center,

2300 Belleview Ave, Cheverly

Also, save the date: On Thursday, March 3, Progressive Cheverly will be pleased to host interested candidates for Maryland District 04, U.S. House of Representatives. Time, 7:00 p.m. Place, Hoyer Center, 2300 Belleview Ave.

Q&A and light refreshments, both events. Come for discussion and gathering.

After the bustle of the Holidays, **CPRC** has had a quiet start to 2016. Play indoors with us on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30-11:30 in the Community Center Gym. The Bounce House makes regular appearances to help burn off energy. We are currently planning ahead and setting dates for several fun events, such as a mid-winter party and Spring Break Week. Check <a href="http://www.cheverlyparent.org/events/">http://www.cheverlyparent.org/events/</a> for updates and details.

## Community Bulletin Board

**Green Infrastructure Plan** - Monthly Meeting - Mon, February 1, 2016, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Large Conference Room, Cheverly Community Center

Monthly meeting to report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. In implementing the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research.

Our special guest will be Joshua Sloan, who is working with M-NCPPC on environmental issues for the Greater Cheverly Sector Plan.

All are welcome to join us!

GREEN @ HOME: TREES FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

Which part of the tree is most important?

- Leaves
- Flowers
- Fruits
- Trunk, branches
- Roots

Find the answer at <a href="www.GreenCheverly.org">www.GreenCheverly.org</a> and on the Cheverly Green Connect Facebook page.

### JOIN US FOR FLBC's WORK PARTY--Sat, Feb 27

Join your friendly neighborhood environmental group, Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek (FLBC) for our monthly work party on Saturday, February 27 between 9 am and noon.

We'll work on the area by the little pond, where we will be planting natives in the spring. We'll meet at 9 am at the green-gate entrance at Arbor Street and Parkway. Tools, gloves, snacks, water, and wake-up coffee will be provided! School community service hours are available To walk there, start at the 7-11 store near the Metro. Cross Cheverly Ave at the light, walk down the slope, cross the wooden bridge, and continue on our trail to Parkway (green gate on your left). Driving: From 7-11, go one block north down Cheverly Ave. right onto Arbor Go two blocks to Parkway. The site is on your right.

For more information, contact Joani Horchler at cell 301-802-7445 or horcpool97@aol.com.

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM**

The 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fourth Ward Civic Association Town of Cheverly, Maryland

"Changing The Face of Cheverly"

Sunday, February 14, 2016 – 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Cheverly Municipal Center, 6401 Forest Rd, Cheverly, MD

The program will include the history of Cheverly Old Ward 4 and the valuable contributions Old Ward 4 have made to the Town of Cheverly, audio-video presentations high lighting the first African American residents of the Town and reflections on that history. There will also be special guests and fellowship.

If you wish to help make this event a reality or contribute in some way, there is still room for your contributions!

Mark your calendars - FEBRUARY 14, 2016!!! Don't miss this exciting event!

For further details, contact Fred Price, Jr. at <a href="mailto:1fmpjr@verizon.net">1fmpjr@verizon.net</a> or 301-772-0628.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

A Team of Winners! Cub Scout Pack 257 held its Pinewood Derby Race on January 10th. Special thanks to Mr. Sergio, our chief engineer, Mr. Jeff for scorekeeping, and Mr. Dickman for the track. Also thanks to Mr. Micah for organizing this year's Scouting for Food Drive. According to GNS Principal Brandi, 45 families in Cheverly were able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal that otherwise may not have had one. Cub Scouts not only gave them food, "you also gave them hope." WEBELOS learned what Boy Scouts are all about, joining the Troop on a deep freeze cabin and hiking trip at Elk Neck State Park. In February, Cub Scouts will celebrate the birthday of scouting (and battle a dragon) during our Blue and Gold dinner. In March it's "Scouts to the Rescue" where cubs, girls and boy scouts learn first aid, navigation, search and rescue skills. Cub Scouts is for boys six and older and their families. For more information please contact Parent-Unit Coordinator Marisa camslamom@me.com.

## Community Bulletin Board

**Garden Club** - It is the end of January as I write this and it looks like there is a huge storm coming and bringing snow. Make sure you have all the makings for a snowman and that your plants are protected. Be careful with brittle branches when you are knocking off snow...you want those blossoms in the Spring. The Cheverly Garden Club is pleased to announce that Ben Hartmann of Belleview Avenue received the Lifelong Learning Grant for 2016. Ben is studying landscape architecture at the University of Maryland. The next meeting for the club will be Feb 15th and will be held at the Cheverly UMC. We are planning to have the students that received our Grant Awards present what they learned from the courses they took. Everyone is invited to come to the meetings... informal and if you join it is only \$15 a person. Put the March meeting down on your calendar Mon., March 21, we have Don Hyatt, recognized as a national authority on azaleas and rhododendrons; it is one of those presentations that WOW... Be careful on the ice.

### Woman's Club

Monday, February 8 at 7 p.m. at Lillian Wilson's home at 2303 Belleview Avenue (across from the Hoyer Early Learning Center). We watched the first half of "An Ordinary Hero" about Joan Mulholland who was a freedom rider and afterwards enrolled at Tougaloo College

an historically black school outside Jackson, MS. We all enjoyed learning this significant and interesting part of the history of the Civil Rights Movement and look forward to seeing the rest on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. We invite you to join us.

<u>Celebrating Black History</u> – Sunday, Feb 28 at 4 p.m. at the American Legion on Cheverly Avenue. This is a family event and open to all. We will have dinner served by the Woman's Club and a program honoring Black History. Tables for vending are available. Call Lillian Wilson at 301-772-3341 or 202-355-2068.

For general information call Joyce Lang at 301-773-2211 or joycelang@verizon.net.

Boy Scout Troop # 257 has started the new year with a BANG! With an amazing January camping trip and hike in Elk Neck, MD the scouts are ready for their next big adventure. If big adventures are your thing please attend a meeting which take place on Sundays at 7pm in the Cheverly American Legion or contact Scoutmaster Michael Brown (murkbrown99@gmail.com, 410-919-7913).

### Village Voices

Cheverlians look toward a Cheverly Village

On October 17, 2015, I attended a seminar at the community center



entitled "Taking Charge of Your Health Insurance – Options and Opportunities," organized by the Cheverly Village Planning Committee. I knew a good part of the presentation was to be about Medicare, since the organization focuses on the needs of seniors in our community. With my background as a provider (podiatrist for 35 years) and an advisor (financial planner for 20 years), I am very familiar with Medicare. However, as always, I attended the seminar with the expectation that I would learn something that would be useful. This seminar did not disappoint and it provided an unexpected windfall.

I have Part D Medicare, which covers prescription drugs. My carrier's basic premium is \$26 per month. The Medicare rule is if you did not sign up when Part D first became available, there is an LEP (late enrollment penalty) for each month you did not have "creditable coverage." That is insurance coverage either through an employer or union that covers prescription drug costs. I did not have such coverage (I thought), so my penalty amounted to an additional \$34.10 per month, bringing my monthly premium to \$60.10.

However, I learned at the seminar that the VA coverage I have as a veteran counts as "creditable coverage." Over the years, I have chosen to forgo that benefit, leaving the limited resources of the VA for those with greater need. As a result, I had forgotten about my VA coverage when I signed up for Part D and mistakenly checked the box that said "no creditable coverage."

When I learned that I *actually had* "creditable coverage," the 60-day window Medicare allows for requesting "reconsideration of premiums" had long since closed. However, confident in my information, I moved ahead. I garnered an ally, created a well-crafted presentation, and convinced Medicare to reconsider my premium. They credited back all of my past overpayments -\$443.30. More important, I will no longer pay the \$34.10 monthly LEP *for my lifetime* – a potential saving of \$4,000 or more.

The presentation was directly responsible for making available the information that provided me that saving. I see some of the benefits from joining and participating in Cheverly Village, which will be accepting memberships later this year.

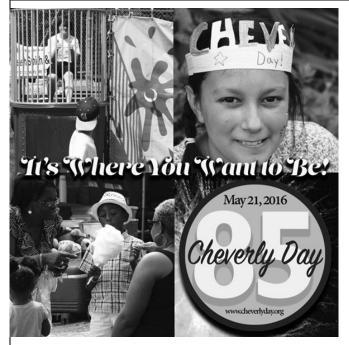
Joel found so useful: https://www.medicare.gov Main website for Medicare offers a wealth of resources.

Shalese Thomas, SHIP (State Health Insurance Program)

Counselor, Department of Family Services, Aging and Disability Services Division, Prince George's County SCThomas@co.pg. md.us 301-265-8450 (o) 301-248-5358 (f) "Shalese is wonderful and can sit down with you to review your particular questions. I wish there were more of her." —Laila Riazi

"Village Voices" is brought to you by the Cheverly Village Planning Committee. For more information, contact us at ChevVillage@gmail.com or call Diane La Voy (240 599 6346) or Laila Riazi (202 258 6167).

### Community Bulletin Board



# It's coming! It's coming! Cheverly Day 2016 is on the horizon!

We have a lot to celebrate on May 21 – the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the town we call home, the new stage at Town Park, the beginning of fun summer activities, and the wonderful friends and neighbors that make Cheverly great. Join us and celebrate

Cheverly...It's Where You Want to Be!

For the first time this year, you can **make a tax-deductible donation** to Cheverly Day. Your donation makes a real difference in defraying the costs of bringing this major community event to life every year. To celebrate, we'll thank our neighbor donors with a personalized message on our website and blog. For a donation of just \$10, we'll post your one-sentence message (non-commercial/non-political, please) on our website and social media. See our website for details and guidelines, and get your message in today!

We're also looking for corporate sponsors, community donations, and advertisers – all are much needed to sustain the great activities that await you at Cheverly Day. Community groups receive a 50% discount on advertising, so it's a great way to reach the whole town with your news *and* attract new members. Visit our website today to learn how you can lend your financial support...and thanks!

Join in our parade – we want your floats, your marchers, your musicians...let's make this year's parade the biggest and best yet. Are you a member of a community group? A marching band? A theatrical troupe? We want YOU! The parade application is available on our website, so get your marching shoes polished, your costumes sewn, and your floats ready to go!

We need volunteers to plan and carry out the many tasks that make up the big event. Have ideas for new activities? Want to help us with community groups, musicians, food, publicity, or any other aspect? Join the Cheverly Day Committee – we meet monthly and we're always looking for fresh ideas.

We can't wait to share Cheverly's great annual party with the entire community. Email <a href="mailto:cheverlyday@gmail.com">cheverlyday@gmail.com</a> to get involved, and visit our website <a href="www.cheverlyday.org">www.cheverlyday.org</a> for links to our Facebook, blog and Twitter, and all the latest news on all things Cheverly Day 2016!

# Cheverly American Legion Family Announcements

#### **Super Bowl Party in the Dugout**

Come enjoy the Super Bowl at the Legion. Bring the kids, we will have a baby sitter upstairs where they can play games, do activities, or just run around. The game will be on TV both upstairs and in the Dugout.

### Sunday, February 7

Food: Deli platter and bread provided by the Legion Cost: bring your favorite side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share - Cash bar

Dugout Opens at 4:00 PM Game starts at 6:30 PM Kids Playroom 6:15 – 9:00 PM – \$5/child

Questions: <a href="mailto:cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com">cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com</a>

#### Wreaths Across America – Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery— Thank You Cheverly!

Through the Cheverly American Legion, members and residents donated over \$1780.00. With these donations 118 wreaths were purchased.

Many thanks to those who donated and those who helped lay the wreaths on the graves.

#### Girls State and Boys State Candidates

American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are the premier programs for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills & an appreciation for your rights as a citizen. As a participant in the program you, will run for office, learn public speaking, create and enforce laws and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government in this exciting and fun 1-week summer program.

The Cheverly American Legion and Auxiliary has scholarships available to help defray and/or pay the cost of the program. Applications are be accepted now from boys and girls who are in their Junior year of high school. Contact <a href="mailto:cheverlyamericanlegion@gmail.com">cheverlyamericanlegion@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com">cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com</a> for sponsorship and scholarship information. Find more about the programs and application requirements at <a href="http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org">http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org</a>.

### Cheverly American Legion Post 108 Membership (\$35/

year): The Legion is open to men and women who are serving or have served at least one day of active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during time of war. Find eligibility dates, application form and documentation requirements on the Cheverly American Legion website: <a href="http://CheverlyAmericanLegion.org">http://CheverlyAmericanLegion.org</a> or contact Joseph Pruden (301) 602-2117.

### Raise the Roof - a rock 'n' roll extravaganza

A fund raiser for a new roof!

The Cheverly American Legion Post 108 will host a rockin' night with Johnny Seaton and his band, Bad Behavior. Johnny has an incredible voice and puts on a high-energy show that will have you dancing to the rockabilly music of such greats as Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and the Stray Cats.

BOOK THE BABYSITTER 'cuz this one's for the grownups. Dress is casual -- but 50's attire is never wrong. Let's make this a big night for Cheverly and our American Legion.

Saturday, March 5, Cheverly American Legion Hall Dinner: 6:00-7:30 PM, \$10/person.

Stuffed pork roast, chunky mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, rolls, salad and dessert. Take-out meals available for those not coming to the show. If Charlie's cookin', you know it will be delish. (Sorry, no vegetarian option)

**Show**: 8:00 – 11:00 PM. Dinner is not included in show ticket. Cash bar. Open Seating.

\$20/person, in advance, \$25/person, at door

Tickets can be purchased at The Dugout or by emailing: Cheverlyamericanlegion@gmail.com

Ongoing Events in the Dugout - Friday Night Queen of Hearts Game, Fri nights, 7:30 PM, in the Dugout.

### Third Friday Ladies' Night - Postponed to February 26

Due to the Wine & Art Benefit hosted by the Cheverly Community Market, ladies night will be postponed by one week. (See the CCM Facebook page for details) February 26, 7:30 PM, Dugout All are Welcome.

### **Save the Date! Details Coming Soon**

St. Patrick's Day in the Dugout - March 17

### Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary Membership (\$20/year):

The ALA is open to women veterans and women service members, and to many woman whose family member is/was a veteran or service member. If you are interested in joining us or learning about the American Legion Auxiliary, email us at <a href="mailto:cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com">cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com</a>.

Next General Meeting: February 2, 7:30 – 8:30 Cheverly American Legion

Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Membership (\$20/year): The SAL is made up of men and boys of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and are eligible for membership in The American Legion. All who would like to know more about the Sons are welcome to attend the general meeting. For meeting date and time or more information, please email at CheverlySAL@gmail.com.

### Spellman PTA Update - February 2016

Winter Wonderland Dance: Come join us for the first PTA social event of 2016. On Friday, February 5th from 6:30-8:30pm we will host a family dance in the Spellman Mutlipurpose Room. Admission is \$2 per person or \$10 per family. We will have pizza, snacks & drinks available for sale, plus... a photo booth! Mark your calendars and come join us!

Earn \$\$ for Spellman while doing your everyday shopping! It's easy. Online or in stores, you can support Spellman Elementary in three ways:

- Amazon Smile: Link your Amazon account with Spellman Elementary and earn money for the school each time you make a purchase. Visit <a href="https://smile.amazon.com">https://smile.amazon.com</a>. Sign into your Amazon account and search for Spellman PTA.
- Target REDCard: When you shop at Target with your REDCard credit or debit card, you can earn money for Spellman. Visit Target's Take Charge of Education page to sign up: <a href="https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/">https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/</a> tcoe/home
- Box Tops for Education: Look for pink "Box Tops for Education" on hundreds of participating grocery products, clip them out, and drop them off in the main office at Spellman. The school will receive 10 cents for each Box Top collected!

**Volunteers Needed!** Do you have some free time and an interest in supporting our neighborhood public school? There are many ways that you can get involved including gardening/landscaping, grant writing, and volunteering in the classroom. Great news... the required background check for volunteers is now available online! If you're interested in being a volunteer, please contact PTA Vice President Jen Eldridge at jalleneldridge@yahoo.com or 240-271-9737.

Like us on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/GNSPTA!">www.facebook.com/GNSPTA!</a>

Street	Address	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pickup
Entire Town		Feb 23-26
Belleview Ave	2300-2358 (even)	Feb. 12
Belleview Ave	2301-2351 (odd)	Feb. 12
Benton Rd	5900-5901	Feb. 12
Carlyle St	5703-5835	Feb. 9
Crest Ave.	2500-2824	Feb. 9
Crest Ave.	3000-3215	Feb. 9
Dewey St	5800-5841	Feb. 9
Euclid St.	5700-5735	Feb. 11
Euclid St.	5901-6012	Feb. 12
Forest Rd.	5700-5721	Feb. 11
Forest Rd	5900-6010 (even)	Feb. 2
Greenleaf Rd	5601-5625	Feb. 11
Greenleaf Rd	5701-5809 (odd)	Feb. 11
Greenleaf Rd	5700-5812 (even)	Feb. 2
Greenleaf Ct		Feb. 2
Hawthorne St.	5600-5622	Feb. 11
Hawthorne St.	6000-6025	Feb. 2
Inwood St.	5600-5615	Feb. 4
Inwood St.	6006-6031	Feb. 2
Jason St.	5600-5716	Feb. 4
Kilmer St.	6000-6021	Feb. 4
Kilmer St.	6100-6220	Feb. 19
Lake Ave.	3001-3122	Feb. 4
Landover Rd.	5611-6005 (odd)	Feb. 5
Landover Rd.	6101-6205 (odd)	Feb. 19
Laurel Ave.	2800-3141	Feb. 19
Lockwood Rd.	5600-5907	Feb. 4
Monroe St.	5625-5627 (odd)	Feb. 5
Monroe St.	5702-5714	Feb. 5
Newton St.	5518-5614 (even)	Feb. 5
Newton St.	5700-5809	Feb. 5
Quincy St	5543-5545 (odd)	Feb. 5
Tremont Ave	2900-3307	Feb. 9
Valleyway	2400-2800	Feb. 18
56 <sup>th</sup> Place	2902-2907	Feb.11
57 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	2500-2607	Feb. 9
57 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	3501-3507 (odd)	Feb. 5
58 <sup>th</sup> Pl.	3600-3605	Feb. 5
59 <sup>th</sup> Pl.	2400-2433	Feb. 18
59 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	2410-2421	Feb. 18
62 <sup>nd</sup> Pl.	One Way Alley	Feb. 19

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 301-773-8360

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 301-341-1055

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 301-773-2666

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 711

FAX 301-773-0173 If you need a Police Officer call: 301-352-1200

WEB SITE: www.cheverly-md.gov

Email "Contact The Town" button at the Website

The Town of Cheverly does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or sexual orientation. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) & wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 773-8360, or the Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.

POSTAL CUSTOMER CARRIER ROUTE CHEVERLY, MD 20785

### Meetings & Events

### GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thur Feb 11 8:00 pm TOWN MEETING
Mon Feb 15 Presidents Day—Offices Closed
Tue Feb 23 7:00 pm REC Council Meeting
Thur Feb 25 7:30 pm WORKSESSION

### CHEVERLY WEBSITE www.cheverly-md.gov

You can easily contact the Mayor & Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor & Council pages of the website.

Mayor@cheverly-md.gov councilmemberward1@cheverly-md.gov councilmemberward2@cheverly-md.gov councilmemberward3@cheverly-md.gov councilmemberward4@cheverly-md.gov councilmemberward5@cheverly-md.gov councilmemberward6@cheverly-md.gov

### COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- FLBC work party Feb. 27, 9 am –noon
- Garden Club Feb. 15 meeting
- Progressive Cheverly Feb. 4, 7pm
- Old Ward 4 History Reunion Feb. 14, 1:30 4:30 pm
- Green Infrastructure Feb. 1 Meeting 7:30pm 9:00 pm
- Boy Scout Troop #257 Meet Sundays 7PM Amer. Leg.
- CHEVERLY DAY MAY 21
- Village Voice Dr. Joel Lang's discussion of seminar
- Woman's Club Feb 8 and 18th 7pm, "An Ordinary Hero", Sun Feb. 28, 4PM - Amer. Legion Dinner & program honoring Black History.
- Spellman PTA Feb. 5, 6:30-8:30pm Social Event
- Cub Scout Pack 257 Team of Winners
- CPRC Mon/Wed/Fri 9:30-11:30 Community Center